GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO- CHINA TALKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks between India and China were held on January 17 and 18, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome therefrom;

(c) whether China has illegal/unjustified claim over Indian soil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to counter the false propaganda of China about Arunachal Pradesh in the International forum?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) The ninth round of talks between the Special Representatives of India and China was held in New Delhi from 16-18 January 2007. The two Special Representatives continued their discussions on a framework for the boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of India-China Boundary Question signed on 11 April 2005.

(c)- (e) China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 square kilometres in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 square kilometres of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern Sector. In the Middle Sector, China illegally claims about 2000 square kilometres of Indian territory. Government have conveyed to the Chinese side that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.